



UN WOMEN ASIA PACIFIC

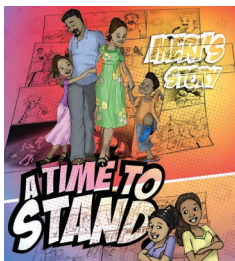
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OUR WORK IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Changing political culture, addressing structural impediments as well as eliminating restrictive gender norms are all necessary to assure social inclusion and democratic space for women.



PACIFIC

Meet Meri and Isabella, heroines of a radio drama and comic book about women's political participation produced in the Pacific. "A Time to Stand" tells the story of a community leader and a first-time voter in their journey to exercise political rights. [Read more...](#)

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

UN Women's work has largely focused on supporting evidence-based policy for inclusive development, comprehensive social protection systems, decent work and equitable access to productive resources.



NEPAL

Four CEOs of private sector companies in Nepal signed the Women's Empowerment Principles and pledged their commitment to empower women in their workplace. [Read more...](#)

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN PEACE, SECURITY AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Despite being some of the most affected populations in situations of conflict or disaster, girls and women are often underrepresented in peace negotiation and disaster response initiatives. UN Women is working closely with governments and other actors in the region to ensure their active participation and involvement.



INDIA

A training course in India will equip female military officers in peacekeeping missions to tackle sexual and gender-based violence. [Read more...](#)



TIMOR-LESTE

The National Police of Timor-Leste conducts a thorough assessment to tackle gender discrimination and inequality within the institution. [Read more...](#)

GENDER RESPONSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

Partnerships with national women's machineries remain at the core of UN Women's mainstreaming work with governments as including capacity development for government officials to design, implement and monitor gender responsive plans and budgets at the national and sub-national levels, and equitable access to productive resources.



INDIA

UN Women India Multi Country Office is working with the government and other partners to ensure that the evaluation of development interventions are gender responsive. [Read more...](#)

NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

One of the key components of the UN Women's work to strengthen normative framework is the support to the CEDAW ratification, reporting and implementation.



TUVALU

Tuvaluan delegation get trained to attend the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and reviews the situation of women in the country. [Read more...](#)

PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

All offices seek to improve the policy response with a focus on law enforcement and regulatory mechanisms as well as deepening political and institutional commitments for preventing, protecting and punishing Violence against women and girls.



LAOS

A pilot teaching and learning programme on gender equality and gender-based violence was conducted with students and teachers in Vientiane. [Read more...](#)

ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2015



ASIA-PACIFIC

This year's International Women's Day highlighted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and many countries around Asia-Pacific celebrated with drama plays, exhibitions, marches and many other activities. [Read more...](#)



HeForShe

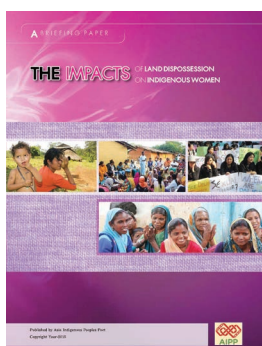


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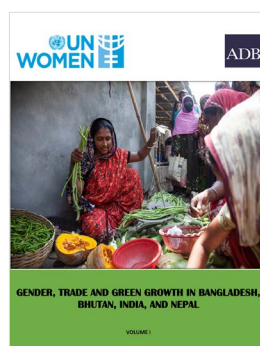
All over Asia and the Pacific, thousands of boys and men have committed to take a stand for gender equality. From mega-concerts to marathons, from ministers to actors, from young boys in rural areas to men in big cities, everyone is joining the HeForShe campaign. [Read more...](#)



PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS



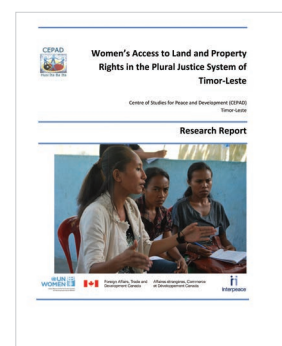
The Impacts of Land Dispossession on Indigenous Women



Gender, Trade and Green Growth in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal - Volume I and II



16 Ways to End Violence against Women and Girls



Women's Access to Land and Property Rights in the Plural Justice System of Timor-Leste

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